

## Treasurer's Report 2023

The following summary of issues and achievements is noted during 2023: -

- We managed to pay the full parish share again in 2023 – a sum of £66,001.
- Parish Hall/ Clulow room income was down by £2k despite a small increase in the hourly charges in 2023.
- We have offered additional hours to one of our employees in 2023 to provide administrative support and allow the office to be opened for approx. an hour each day.
- We have invested money in our buildings again in 2023; £15k spent on painting St Georges Spire and changes to the lighting in the Parish Hall to provide LED lighting.
- Planned Giving/ donations were 15% lower in 2023, which follows a drop of 16% in 2022. After tremendous success maintaining and increasing stewardship during 2020 & 2021, we have seen planned giving/ donations drop in the last 2 years providing a challenge for upcoming years.
- It is noted that we continue to have the support and services of Robin Mead as Auditor. This work is undertaken as an ex-gratia role; the PCC are extremely fortunate to benefit from this long-standing arrangement.

## Summary of Accounts

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Profitability</b>	<b>£1,875</b>	<b>£11,427</b>	2023 – Profit split £1,478 to the PCC and £397 to Other Group a/cs. 2022 – Profit split £12,290 to the PCC & -£927 for Other Group a/cs.
<b>Income</b>	<b>£146,486</b>	<b>£154,556</b>	Includes Group Income
<i>Planned Giving</i>	£48k	£56.3k	A significant drop to stewardship donations is noted in 2023.
<i>Gift Aid</i>	£13.6k	£14.4k	Gift aid received in 2022 reflects the high level of donations in 2021. The gift aid is still high in 2023 as we have now included an application for gift aid on all small donations/plate sums. The gift aid receipts are still at quite a high level despite reductions in giving.
<i>Hall Income</i>	£31k	£33k	Lettings at the Hall/ Clulow Room remain good although some users have reduced their hours of use due to lower demand. The hiring rates were increased slightly at the start 2023 but have been held at the same levels in 2024.
<i>Fees &amp; Donations</i>	£11.2k	£11.4k	2023 - £11.1k for fees incl. costs & donations (6 weddings, 18 funerals, and 3 memorial services incl. 1 of A & burials.) 2022 - £11.4k for fees incl. costs & donations (6 weddings, 16 funerals and 1 service for the internment of ashes/ memorials.)
<i>Social &amp; Donations</i>	£4.3k	£3.4k	Coffee shop, Friday lunches and Norton Nippers ran during 2023 as well as the Church Badminton group with a higher level of incomes noted in 2023.
<i>Trading Income</i>	£19.3k	£8.5k	Trading income in 2022 and 2023 has been received from the lettings at 2 Common view. During 2023 the property has been let for the majority of the year with a new letting agreed in October 2023 after the initial tenant vacated.

<i>Grant &amp; Legacies</i>	£14.6k	£25.9k	Legacy income in 2023 was lower at £3k but grant at £11.5k was high this year due to the receipt of a large grant towards the cost of painting of the Spire from LGCHF.  Legacy income received in 2022 was very high at £19,040 whilst other grants were c£6k.
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£144,610</b>	<b>£143,134</b>	
<i>Parish Share</i>	£66k	£65.7k	2023 – the Parish Share fell in May 2023 when Rev Trevor resigned from his incumbency and the Parish entered vacancy. We paid the full amount again in 2023.  2022 - the Parish Share increased in April when the Curate left the Parish and the Curate's house was therefore available for letting. This increase is offset by rental income.
<i>Church Admin</i>	£4.3k	£5k	In 2023 we re-opened the Administrative Office, with administrative support for 5 hours a week (Monday to Friday).  2022, the 3-year contract for church desk software was renewed.
<i>Parish Ministry Costs</i>	£8k	£8k	Ministry costs have remained at the same level in 2022 and 2023.
<i>Property Costs</i>	£57.6k	£54.8k	Utilities costs have increased again in 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 Utilities costs – £19.5k</li> <li>• 2022 Utilities costs - £14.4k</li> </ul> We continue to invest in the repair of Parish buildings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 St Georges £17k (includes painting of the Spire); Common View £0.8k &amp; the Parish Centre £0.8k</li> <li>• 2022 Parish Centre £11k; Common View £4k.</li> </ul>
<i>Charitable Giving</i>	£0.8k	£0.1k	Charitable has increased in 2023 and it is hoped the level of giving will continue to rise to support nominated charities.  The PCC continues to support the foodbank and the uniform bank with direct donations of cash, food and clothes. We are also holding restricted donations for the uniform back at the year ending 2023.

**Carol Greatorex – April 2024**